# PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR DEAUTHORIZATION FIRST ANNUAL REPORT—SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

#### COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (CIVIL WORKS)

#### TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT RECOMMENDING DEAUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF PUBLIC LAW 93-251

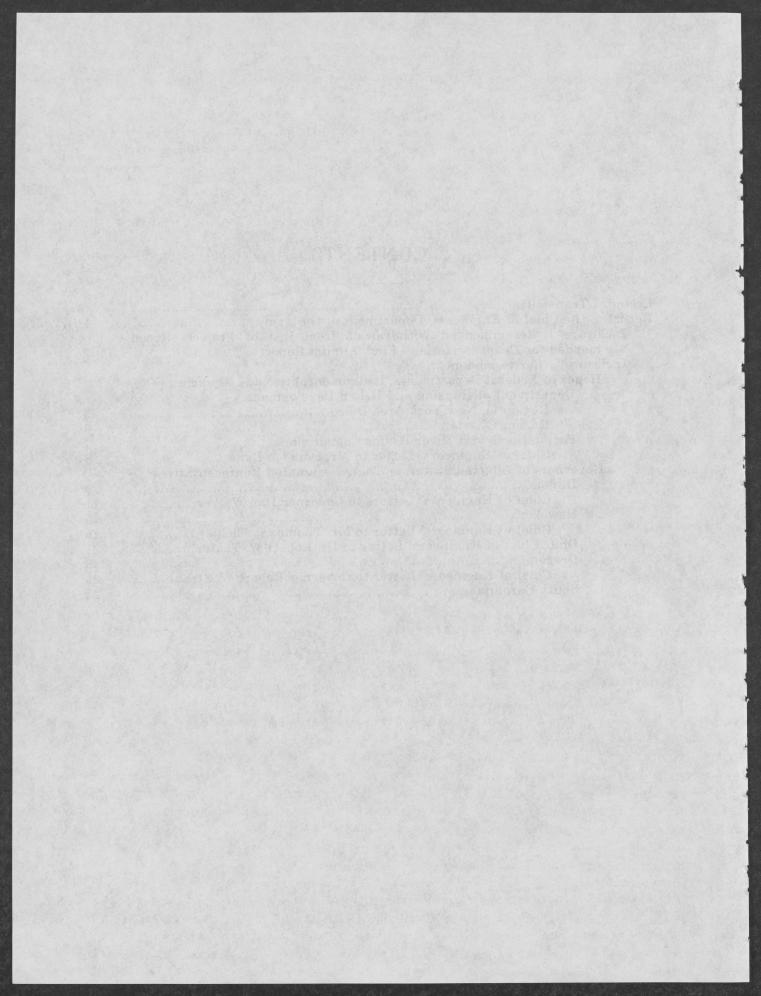


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#### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

12 February 1976

Honorable Carl Albert Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

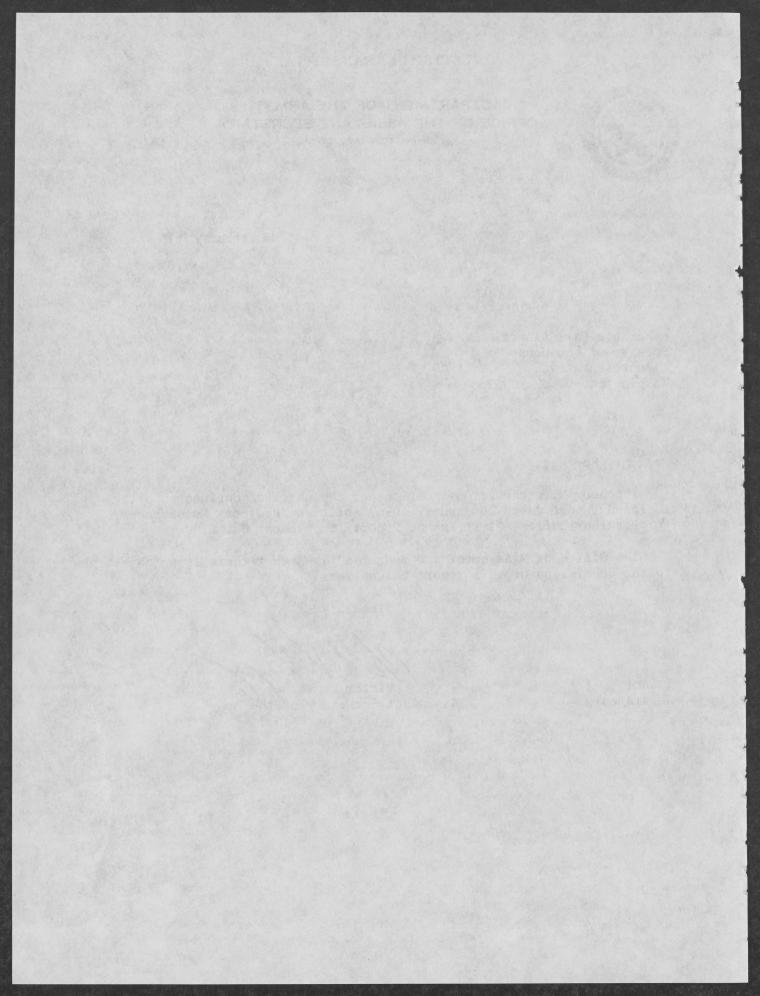
I concur with the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers in the inclosed report dated 26 January 1976, entitled "Projects Recommended for Deauthorization--First Annual Report, Supplement No. 1."

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report to Congress.

Sincerely,

1 Incl As stated

Victor V. Veysey
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)



## PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR DEAUTHORIZATION-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT, SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

DAEN-CWP

26 January 1976

SUBJECT: Projects Recommended for Deauthorization--First Annual Report, Supplement No. 1

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

- 1. I am submitting this report under the provisions of Section 12, Public Law 93-251. By letter dated 16 June 1975, former Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway transmitted to Congress my first annual report recommending the deauthorization of 350 unconstructed Corps of Engineers projects. That report was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation and printed as House Document No. 94-192.
- 2. Section 12(b) provides that a project included on one of my annual lists transmitted to Congress will be deauthorized after a period of 180 days of continuous session, unless the project is withdrawn from the list or the Congress adjourns sine die prior to the end of that 180-day period. The first session of the 94th Congress adjourned sine die on 19 December 1975 without the elapse of 180 days of session, thereby precluding deauthorization of the projects listed in House Document No. 94-192.
- 3. I recommend the deauthorization of the projects listed in House Document No. 94-192, with the exception of nine (Inclosure 1). The additional information received on these nine projects has convinced me that their continued authorization is warranted.
- 4. I noted in my first annual report that a number of States had not commented on the list of projects I proposed for deauthorization. This report includes correspondence received since that time, to include four States and the Pacific Northwest River Basins Commission, and my responses thereto (Inclosure 2).

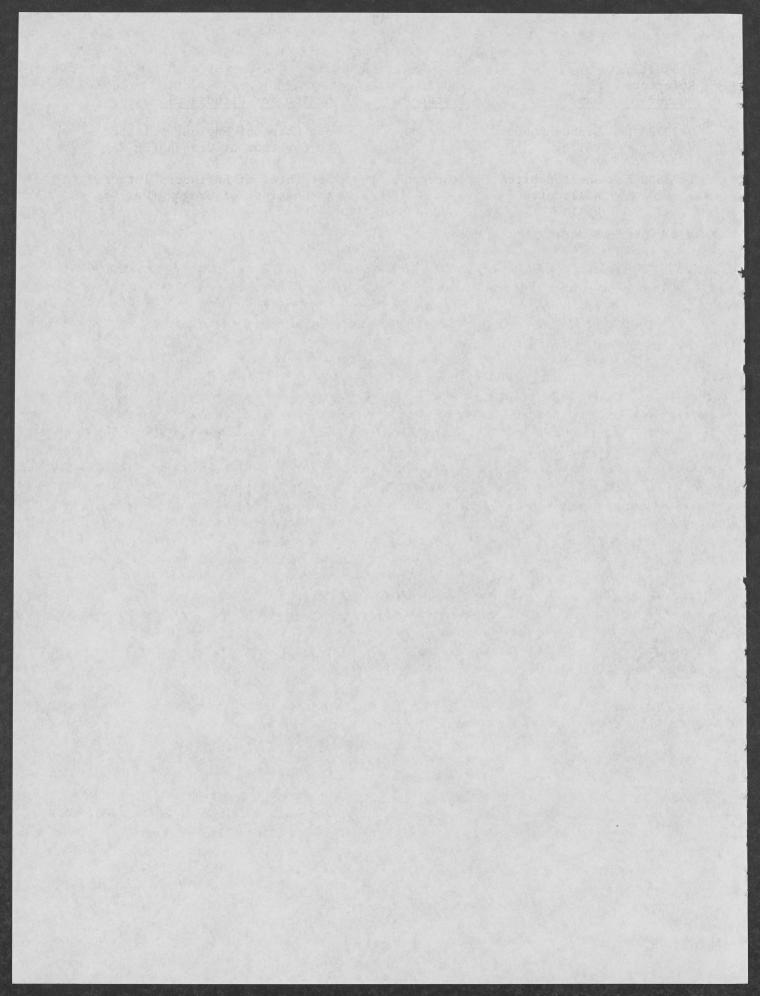
2 Incl

W. C. GRIBBLEZ/JR. Lieutenant Semeral, USA Chief of Engineers

# RECOMMENDED WITHDRAWALS FROM LIST OF PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR DEAUTHORIZATION--FIRST ANNUAL REPORT (House Doc. 94-192, 19 June 1975)

Project Reference			
Number	Name	State	Reason for Withdrawal
I-71176-F	Bonpas Creek	Illinois	See Chief of Engineers letter to Governor of Illinois (Pg 11)
I-73958-N	Chicago River	Illinois	See Chief of Engineers letter to Governor of Illinois (Pg 14)
I-73635-N	Shrewsbury River	New Jersey	Resolution adopted by Borough of Little Silver and subsequent reevaluation by New York District Engineer.
I-73921-F	Chittenango Creek	New York	See Chief of Engineers letter to State of New York (Pg 19)
Į-10029-N	Beaver and Mahoning Rivers	Ohio Pennsylvania	Results of review authorized by resolution adopted 12 Oct 72 by House Committee on Public Works are deemed advisable prior to deauthorization of the project. Resolution directs review of House Doc. 277, 73d Congress, 2d session, with a view to determining if any modification of the recommendations contained therein are advisable at this time, with particular regard to the need for improvements in the interest of navigation and environmental quality.
D-73943-B	Edgewater Park, Cleveland and Lakewood	Ohio	See Chief of Engineers letter to State of Ohio (Pg 21)
D-73949-B	White City Park, Cleveland and Lakewood	Ohio	See Chief of Engineers letter to State of Ohio (Pg 21)

Project Reference Number	Name	State	Reason for Withdrawal
D-72728-F	Grande Ronde Valley	Oregon	See Chief of Engineers letter to Governor of Oregon (Pg 25)
I-72680-F	Shelton Ditch, Willamette Basin	Oregon	See Chief of Engineers letter to Governor of Oregon (Pg 25)



#### COMMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, REGION II



# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT NEW YORK AREA OFFICE 666 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019

REGION II 26 Federal Plaza New York, New York 10007

March 6, 1975

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Lt. General W.C. Gribble, Jr. Chief of Engineers
Department of the Army
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear General Gribble:

This is in response to your letter pertaining to the list of Corps of Engineers projects scheduled for deauthorization in which you requested our views on those projects located in areas which might be of concern to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Therefore, in accordance with your request this is to advise that the New York Area Office has "No Comments" on the following projects located in Upstate New York:

Project Reference Number	Project Name
D-73919-N	Cape Vincent Harbor 20' and 16' Areas
I-73921-F	Chittenango Creek
I-73819-N	Delaware River, Mouth of Neversink
I-73614-N	Hudson River, New York City to Albany 12-ft Harbors at Albany, Troy and Rensselaer
I-73615-N	Hudson River, New York City to Albany 27-ft Channel at Albany
D-73928-F	Ithaca-Cascadilla Creek
D-73929-F	Ithaca-Fall Creek
I-73621-N	Narrows of Lake Champlain

Thank you for providing the opportunity to review the list of projects scheduled for deauthorization.

Joseph Monticciolo

Area Director

Sincerely.

#### COMMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, REGION IX



# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL OFFICE 450 GOLDEN GATE AVE., P.O. BOX 36003, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 94102

March 7, 1975

REGION IX

Office of Community Planning and Development

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Lt. General W. C. Gribble, Jr. Chief of Engineers
Department of the Army
Washington, D. C. 20314

Dear General Gribble:

As requested by Assistant Secretary Meeker, we have reviewed the attached list of projects and find we have no substantive comments on your proposal to deauthorize.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Tapscott

Assistant Regional Administrator

Attachment

cc:

Assistant Secretary Meeker

#### COMMENTS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST RIVER BASINS COMMISSION

### pacific northwest RIVER Basins commission



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February 25, 1975

Lieutenant General W. C. Gribble, Jr. Chief of Engineers
Department of the Army
Office of the Chief of Engineers
Washington, D. C. 20314

Dear General Gribble:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the report entitled "List of Projects Proposed for Deauthorization" dated October 1974, as forwarded with your letter of November 15, 1974.

We have checked on each of the projects proposed for deauthorization, and generally find no objection to such action. However, the state of Oregon and the city of Salem desire that project I-72680-F, Shelton Ditch, Willamette Basin, not be deauthorized pending a new analysis considering present and foreseeable flood plain conditions. Also, the state of Oregon requests that deauthorization be accomplished in such a manner as not to preclude future work that may become necessary in the respective areas. They are joined in that request, with respect to project D-72728-F, Grande Ronde Valley, by the county of Union.

I concur with the state of Oregon, but have no objection to deauthorization of the other projects named in the report.

This comment is my own, as chairman of the Commission, and does not reflect any specific action by the Commission as a whole.

Sincerely yours,

Donel J. Kane

Chairman

DJL:nr

cc: Commission Members and Alternates

#### LETTER TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST RIVER BASINS COMMISSION



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

DAEN-CWP-A

April 24, 1975

Mr. Donel J. Lane
Chairman, Pacific Northwest River
Basins Commission
P. O. Box 908
Vancouver, Washington 98660

Dear Mr. Lane:

This letter is in response to your letter of 25 February 1975, in which you commented on Corps of Engineers projects proposed for deauthorization in the State of Oregon.

I have inclosed for your information a letter received from the Honorable Robert W. Straub, Governor of Oregon, and my response, in which I stated that I would take such action as necessary to remove from the deauthorization list the Shelton Ditch, Willamette Basin, and the Grande Ronde Valley projects.

A copy of your letter of 25 February 1975 and this reply will be forwarded to Congress at the appropriate time.

Sincerely yours,

2 Incl As stated (Inclosures on pages 25 and 26)

Major General, USA Acting/Chief of Engineers

#### COMMENTS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS



# STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Springfield 62706

DAN WALKER GOVERNOR

March 11, 1975

Mr. W. G. Gribble, Jr. Lieutenant General, USA Chief of Engineers Department of the Army Washington, D. C. 20314

Dear Mr. Gribble:

The State, at your request, reviewed the list of authorized but unconstructed Corps of Engineers projects in Illinois which you are proposing to deauthorization.

I am requesting that the following eight projects be deleted from the deauthorization list:

- 1) Bonpas Creek, Project Reference Number I-71176-F. Although the reason listed for this project's demise was lack of local support, an active Bonpas Creek River Conservancy District interested in the project was located.
- 2) Clear Lake Special Drainage District, Project Reference Number I-03320-F. This project is listed as no longer economically justified; but due to strong local support we prefer the project be removed from the deauthorization list until economic feasibility can be further investigated.
- 3) Kelly Lake Drainage and Levee District, Project Reference Number I-73965-F. This project is listed as no longer economically justified; but due to local support; we prefer the project be removed from the deauthorization list until economic feasibility can be further investigated.

- 4) Levees East of Chandlerville, Project Reference Number I-73971-F. The reason for deauthorization is listed as lack of local support, but strong support was found in the Shick Shack Mutual Drainage District of Cass County, Illinois.
- 5) Panther Creek, Project Reference Number I-73975-F. This project is listed as no longer economically justified; but due to strong local support we prefer the project be removed from the deauthorization list until economic feasibility can be further investigated.
- 6) Thompson Lake Drainage and Levee District, Project Reference Number I-73980-F. This project is listed as no longer economically justified; but due to strong local support we prefer the project be removed from the deauthorization list until economic feasibility can be further investigated.
- 7) Chicago River, Project No. I-73958-N: Although this project may lack local interest for the nine foot channel, the interest group contacted by the Corps Chicago Regional Port District was incorrect since they have no jurisdiction in the area. The appropriate agency to be contacted is the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago.

Additionally, if the last segment of this project is deemed unnecessary, then the deauthorization code should be changed from A to B so that the Federal maintenance responsibilities, if provided for, will not be affected.

8) Winnetka, Illinois, Shore of Lake Michigan, Project No. I-73982-N: The Village of Winnetka was contacted by the Division and wishes that the project be retained on the active list. They are replying to the Corps' prior letter in this regard.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### LETTER TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS



# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

DAEN-CWP-A

17 June 1975

Honorable Dan Walker Governor of Illinois Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Walker:

This is in further reply to your letter of 11 March 1975, in which you commented on my list of projects in the State of Illinois proposed for deauthorization under the provisions of Section 12, Public Law 93-251.

At the request of Major General J. W. Morris, Director of Civil Works, my Division Engineers, Ohio River and North Central, reviewed once again the eight projects which you requested be deleted from the list recommended for deauthorization. As a result of this review, I have decided to recommend to the Secretary of the Army that the Bonpas Creek project be deleted from the list. Although there may be local interest in the other seven projects, I do not feel that a change to my recommendations is warranted due to the lack of economic justification. Information I received to support this decision is inclosed (Incl 1).

My recommendation to delete the Bonpas Creek project from the deauthorization list will be made under the provisions of Section 12(c), Public Law 93-251 (Incl 2), which permits the Secretary of the Army to withdraw any project from the list within 180 days of continuous session of Congress after submission of the list to Congress. A copy of your letter of 11 March 1975 and this response will be forwarded to Congress by the Secretary of the Army.

Sincerely yours,

2 Incl As stated

W. C. GRIBBLE JR. Lieutenant General, USA Chief of Engineers

#### 1. Bonpas Creek.

- a. The District Engineer, Louisville contacted the local sponsor, the Bonpas River Conservancy District (BRCD) and obtained the following information:
  - (1) BRCD covers the entire Bonpas Creek watershed.
- (2) The taxing rate is \$0.08/\$100, which generates about \$40,000 annually; the rate can be increased by referendum.
- (3) Local interests filed an application with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) for a Public Law 566 project several years prior to the establishment of BRCD. No action has been taken by SCS to date on this application due to the lack of a local sponsor. With BRCD now active, SCS may conduct a preliminary information study in FY 1976.
- (4) Drift removal attempts by BRCD have met opposition from environmental interests.
- b. Contact was also made with the Governor's Task Force on Flood Control, which expressed the view that the Bonpas Creek project should be activated to determine current local interest and economic feasibility. The State sees no duplication of effort by the SCS and the Corps.
- c. The above information is considered sufficient to indicate that a legally and financially capable local sponsor exists for the Bonpas Creek project, and, as such, negates the reason for the recommended deauthorization action. An economic restudy of the project will be required to determine its feasibility, as authorized. No further study under Section 12 is deemed necessary.
- 2. Clear Lake Special Drainage District. A review made of the project economics in December 1971 indicated a benefit-cost ratio of 0.75. In view of current construction costs and interest rates, the District Engineer, Chicago, believes that further study would not result in an economically justified plan.
- 3. Kelly Lake Drainage and Levee District, Levees East of Chandlerville, Panther Creek, and Thompson Lake Drainage and Levee District. These four projects were classified as "inactive" due to the lack of economic justification, as report in para 99a, page 56. House Document 87/2/472. Benefit-cost ratios were not given in this report. However, in view of current construction costs and interest rates, the District Engineer, Chicago, believes these projects still lack economic justification and that a restudy would not develop an economically justified plan.

- 4. Chicago River. The District Engineer, Chicago has not completed coordination of the recommended deauthorization of the uncompleted portion of the Chicago River project. If such coordination results in a change to the recommendation, the Chief of Engineers shall be so notified so that action may be initiated under Section 12(c), Public Law 93-251, to delete the project from the list. However, the deauthorization code will be changed from A to B to insure that Federal maintenance responsibilities on completed portions of the project, if provided for, will not be affected.
- 5. Winnetka, Illinois, Shore of Lake Michigan. The Village of Winnetka was contacted by the District Engineer, Chicago. A reply was received from the Winnetka Park District, dated 15 August 1974, which stated that the project had been completed in 1959 with locally obtained funds. The Winnetka Park District concurred with the proposed deauthorization. Therefore, the Winnetka project should be retained on the recommended deauthorization list.

#### LETTER TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

21 October 1975

Honorable Dan Walker Governor of Illinois Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Walker:

This letter is in further reply to your letter of 11 March 1975, in which you commented on my list of projects in the State of Illinois proposed for deauthorization under the provisions of Section 12, Public Law 93-251. Since my response of 17 June 1975, I have received information from my Chicago District Engineer on which I have decided to recommend to the Secretary of the Army that the Chicago River, Illinois project be withdrawn from the list of projects recommended for deauthorization.

The Chicago River, Illinois project was recommended for deauthorization due to the lack of local support for the authorized improvements to the navigation channel. Since that recommendation was made to Congress, further coordination has resulted in a letter from the Port of Chicago opposing deauthorization. On this basis, the reason for recommending deauthorization is no longer valid, and the project should remain authorized.

In my response of 17 June 1975, I indicated that my recommendation to withdraw the Bonpas Creek, Illinois project from the deauthorization list would be processed under the provisions of Section 12(c), Public Law 93-251, whereby the Secretary of the Army may remove projects from the list previously submitted to Congress within 180 calendar days of continuous session of Congress. I have not yet transmitted my recommendations on the withdrawal of this and several other projects to the Secretary of the Army, but will do so in sufficient time prior to the close of the 180 day period.

A copy of this letter will be submitted to the Secretary of the Army for transmittal to Congress with my recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

Lieutenant General, USA

Chief of Engineers

#### COMMENTS OF NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233



March 6, 1975

Commissioner

Lt. Gen. William C. Gribble, Jr. Chief of Engineers Department of the Army Forrestal Building Washington, D. C. 20314

Dear General Gribble:

Commissioner Reid has asked me to reply to your letter of November 15, 1974 concerning the proposed deauthorization of 22 Corps of Engineers' water resource projects in New York State.

We have completed our review for the following 14 projects and recommend that they be deauthorized:

Irvington Harbor Glen Cove Harbor Huntington Harbor Port Chester Harbor Westchester Creek Niagara River Compensating Works Grandview Bay Small Boat Harbor East Rockaway (DEBS) Inlet Watkins Glen--Glen Brook

Cape Vincent Harbor Great Sodus Bay Harbor Delaware River, NJ, NY & Pa. Mouth of Neversink River Lemon Creek Brown's Creek

We recommend that the following four projects remain authorized, pending further discussion with local interests and the appropriate Corps' District Office:

Ithaca, New York - Cascadilla Creek -- Flood Control Ithaca, New York - Fall Creek -- Flood Control Chittenango Creek and Tributaries -- Flood Control Manhasset Bay

Flooding problems continue to exist at these first three locations and it is possible that the authorized projects or a restudy of the authorized projects could provide feasible solutions to their problems. Officials of the Town of West Hempstead have expressed interest in implementing the Manhasset Bay Project.

The New York State Department of Transportation is initiating a study investigating upstate New York public ports and a second study reviewing the New York State Barge Canal. The following four projects are in the DOT study area and we, therefore, recommend that they remain authorized:

Black Rock Channel and Tonawanda Harbor
Narrows of Lake Champlain
Hudson River, NYC to Albany - 12' Harbors at Albany, Troy and Rensselaer, NY
Hudson River, NYC to Albany - 27' Channel at Albany, NY

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the proposed action.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Eichler

Director, Office of Program Development,

Planning and Research

#### COMMENTS OF NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation** 

50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233



April 10, 1975

Lt. Gen. William C. Gribble, Jr. Chief of Engineers
Department of the Army
Office of Chief of Engineers
Forrestal Building
Washington, D. C. 20314

Dear General Gribble:

In our letter of March 6, 1975, we recommended that flood control projects along Cascadilla and Fall Creeks in the City of Ithaca, New York, remain authorized pending further discussion with the local community and the appropriate Corps District Office.

Following such a meeting with Ithaca City officials, they indicated that they no longer object to the deauthorization of these projects.

Therefore, we concur in your recommendation that these two projects be deauthorized.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Eichler

Director, Office of Program Development.

Planning and Research

#### LETTER TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



REPLY TO

DAEN-CWP-A

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

20 May 1975

Mr. Thomas P. Eichler
Director, Office of Program Development,
Planning and Research
New York State Department of Environmental
Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12233

Dear Mr. Eichler:

This is in response to your letters of 6 March and 10 April 1975, in which you provided the views of the State of New York on my list of projects proposed for deauthorization.

On 26 February 1975, I submitted my report on Projects Recommended for Deauthorization to the Secretary of the Army. Your views are consistent with my recommendations, with the exception of your request that two projects remain authorized which I recommended for deauthorization. These are the Chittenango Creek and Tributaries project and the Black Rock Channel and Tonawanda Harbor project.

I requested the Division Engineer, North Central, to reevaluate his recommendations on these projects together with the District Engineer, Buffalo, the State of New York, and local interests. Based on this reevaluation (Inclosure 1), I have decided to recommend to the Secretary of the Army that the Chittenango Creek project be deleted from my list of projects recommended for deauthorization. This action will be accomplished under the provisions of Section 12(c), Public Law 93-251 (Inclosure 2).

A copy of your two letters and this response will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Army for his transmittal to Congress.

Sincerely yours,

2 Incl As stated

Lieutenant General, USA Chief of Engineers

### REEVALUATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECT DEAUTHORIZATION

- 1. Chittenango Creek, New York. Based on discussions among local interests, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the District Engineer, Buffalo, the Chittenango Creek project should remain authorized. Local interests will furnish the District Engineer with current information concerning the location, type, and dollar amount of damages in the Chittenango Creek area. This information will be evaluated as a part of the Comprehensive Oswego River Basin Study to determine if renewed Federal interest is warranted.
- 2. <u>Black Rock Channel and Tonawanda Harbor, New York</u>. A letter from Colonel Loren W. Olmstead, Authority Engineer, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, to the District Engineer, Buffalo, contained the following statement:

"I note that the descriptions of the project is limited to the guide pier at the north entrance of Black Rock Lock. After reviewing the information contained in the Project Information Sheet, it is the opinion of this office that it would be appropriate to initiate the action to accomplish deauthorization."

Mr. Hall, New York State Department of Transportation and Mr. Geisendarfer, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, concurred with Colonel Olmstead's statement in discussions with the District Engineer, Buffalo.

#### LETTER TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

DAEN-CWP-A

23 May 1975

Dr. Robert W. Teater Director Ohio Department of Natural Resources Fountain Square Columbus, Ohio 43224

Dear Dr. Teater:

On 26 February 1975, I submitted my report on Projects Recommended for Deauthorization to the Secretary of the Army. Copies of that report will be made available when transmitted to the Congress.

Two of the projects on my list recommended for deauthorization were the Edgewater Park and White City Park projects in Ohio. On 22 April 1975, I received a recommendation from my Division Engineer, North Central, that these projects be deleted from the list. The recommendation was made on the basis of further coordination among the District Engineer, Buffalo, your office, and appropriate officials in the City of Cleveland.

I have decided to recommend to the Secretary of the Army that the above mentioned projects be deleted from the list, either prior to its transmittal to Congress, or if time does not permit, under the provisions of Section 12(c), Public Law 93-251. Under that authority, the Secretary of the Army may withdraw a project from the list submitted to Congress within a 180-day period.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl Sec 12, P.L. 93-251

Lieutenant General, USA Chief of Engineers and interpretation of the company of

#### COMMENTS OF THE STATE OF OREGON



Robert W. Straub

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE CAPITOL
SALEM 97310

February 12, 1975

W. C. Gribble, Jr. Lieutenant General, USA Chief of Engineers Department of the Army Washington, D. C. 20314

Subject: DAEN-CWP-A Deauthorization of Corps of Engineers Projects

Dear Sir:

Agencies and other interested parties of the State of Oregon have reviewed the list of projects being proposed for deauthorization by Congress.

We are in general agreement with the deauthorization of most of these projects. However, deauthorization, if approved by Congress, should specifically stipulate that such action does not preclude future works that may become necessary in the respective areas. Transitory factors such as unfavorable cost benefit ratios or lack of local support which make project deauthorization advisable at this time may change in the future to make assistance by the Corps needed and desirable.

Specific comments were received on three projects:

I-72680-F Shelton Ditch, Willamette Basin

The City of Salem, supported by the Marion County Commission and the County Public Works Director, requests that this project not be deauthorized. Public and private works recently built, now under construction, or in the planning stages in this flood area represent an investment of more than \$45,000,000. A new analysis would show a change in the benefit cost ratio. Flooding occurred in the area in January, 1974.

D-72728-F Grande Ronde Valley

Some work has been carried out locally, and proposed dams will reduce flooding of the middle reaches of the Grande Ronde Valley. However, the Willow Creek and lower Grande Ronde River area will continue to have flooding. The County Court of Union County would not object to deauthorization providing this action would not affect future smaller, more localized projects in this area, nor other projects which would complement the projects presently approved or proposed.

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D-72678-F Prineville Area, Crooked River and Ochoco Creek

The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association reports that there is still local interest and support for the project and recommends that it not be deauthorized at this time. However, the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, having consulted with directly affected agencies including Crook County, the City of Prineville, and Ochoco Irrigation District concurred with deauthorization. Therefore the State's position favors deauthorization.

No specific comments were received on other projects included in this list, and there is no objection to their deauthorization.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this list.

Sincerely,

Bob Sterante

Governor

RWS:kp

GC: City of Salem
Union County Court
State Water Resources Board

#### LETTER TO THE STATE OF OREGON



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

April 24, 1975

DAEN-CWP-A

Honorable Robert W. Straub Governor of Oregon Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor Straub:

This letter is in response to your letter of 12 February 1975 to Lieutenant General W. C. Gribble, Jr., in which you commented on Corps of Engineers projects in the State of Oregon proposed for deauthorization under the provisions of Section 12, Public Law 93-251.

General Gribble received your letter after his report on projects recommended for deauthorization had been completed. I have received information from the Division Engineer, North Pacific (Inclosure 1), on which I have decided to take such action as necessary to delete the Shelton Ditch, Willamette Basin, and the Grande Ronde Valley projects, from the deauthorization list, either prior to its transmittal to Congress, or if time does not permit, by recommending such action to the Secretary of the Army under the provisions of Section 12(c), Public Law 93-251 (Inclosure 2).

You also noted that deauthorization of projects should specifically stipulate that such action does not preclude future works that may become necessary in the respective areas. If problems and needs develop in these areas over time, the Congress would have to authorize a study by the Corps of Engineers to provide new recommendations for plans and projects. Neither my deauthorization recommendations, nor the intent of Section 12, preclude such Congressional action.

A copy of your letter of 12 February 1975 and this reply will be forwarded to Congress at the appropriate time.

Sincerely yours,

2 Incl As Stated

Major General, USA

Acting Chief of Engineers

#### INFORMATION SHEET

#### 1. Shelton Ditch, Willamette Basin.

The Shelton Ditch project was classified inactive in 1966 due to a lack of economic justification. The potential benefits, at that time, resulting from damage reduction would have been minimal because the Shelton Ditch was capable of carrying design flows through much of the problem area. Data from the City of Salem indicate that increased development in the Shelton Ditch drainage area have increased the need for the project since 1966. In addition, information included in the City of Salem's letter of 28 February 1975 to the Oregon Congressional delegation confirms the City's interest in the project and opposition to deauthorization.

#### 2. Grand Ronde Valley.

At the time the Grande Ronde Valley project was deferred, it lacked a local sponsor. The comments provided by the Governor of Oregon indicate that the County Court of Union County supports smaller, more localized projects or others complementing the authorized project. The County Court apparently feels that portions of the authorized project are still needed and desired. This has been confirmed by coordination with the County Court.

# State of South Carolina Water Resources Commission



Clair P. Guess, Jr. Executive Director

February 28, 1975

Lt. General W. C. Gribble, Jr. Chief of Engineers
Department of the Army
Washington, D. C. 20314

Dear General Gribble:

I thank you for your letter of 15 November 1974, requesting our comments on the unconstructed Corps of Engineers projects in the State of South Carolina which you are recommending for deauthorization by Congress. Unfortunately, your letter was addressed to the wrong address and we did not receive it until 11 February 1975.

We have reviewed our information on these projects and concur with your recommendations.

Sincerely yours

James H. Kenna

Assistant Director

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